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Select Miscellany.

WHEN THE INCAS RULED PERU.

The following thrilling sketch is an extract from sketches of the customs of the early Peruvians. It is powerfully written and full of interest:

This woman had no sympathy with failure. How should she? Her very life-current ebbed and flowed in tidal triumphs. The crowned attributes of her nature waited like captive queens upon her sceptered will. An Inca's daughter and an Inca's bride, it well befitted her to be an Inca's mother.

And now the test had come—the feast of Huacra, in which amid barbaric splendors, barbaric strength should assert its sway, and thirty days of rigid probation, proclaim from among twelve noble candidates the future sovereign of Peru. Wounded and bleeding, faint and staggering, ten of the twelve had relinquished their claim, when but one of the appointed thirty days remained. The two unconquered claimants, gaunt with fasting, haggard with sleeplessness, and half-spent with wrestling, announced to each other, through shrill battle blasts upon the plain of Cuzco, their mutually asserted divinity of origin and dower of sun-strength. But two. The Coya's son and hers.

Black-browed and glittering, clanking her heavy armlets in applause, thrilling restlessly at occasional lagging, till her limbs glowed through her robe of beaded gold, and the air was spangled with gem-light, the mother not called Coya, watched the combat.

How her proud heart had wrestled fiercely through all these years. How in her dreams she trod upon her royal rival's neck. How she had loathed the Inca's kiss, to think it had been given to another first. How she had burned to think that the son she'd bear should crush the power of that elder heir.

No matter for supremacy of beauty. No matter that she held the Inca's heart. He had chosen another before her, and she was not called Coya.

So she watched the combat.

Her son had been well disciplined for the ordeal. "Iron-jointed, supple-sinewed," he poised the heaviest weights, and hurled the furthest lance; while the son, all-parent of success, poured down his torrid beams. But as he sank the crisis came; the strength which Manco had lavished, his more provident rival retained. He was outside in the last endeavor; so the people rent the air, and shouted the victory of the Coya's son. But above the clamor rose the shriek of a defeated woman, who beat her swarthy breast and cursed her child.

"May maize and mangety be bitter to your taste, and sandal odors pestilential stench to your sense. May the sun's heat chill you, and gold, the tears he weeps, be dark to your sight. I ban you from the temple and the palace, from a mother's preference, and from Oello's heart—you know the Inca claims her."

He crunched and writhed at the latter words. Deaver than the sceptre or the crown, more fiercely fought for than the rights of birth, was the claim to Oello's heart. Oello, the fairest maiden of all the vestals who served in the Temple of the Sun. He knew she belonged to the Inca. And he had failed.

They crowned the victor with flowers. His ears were pierced with a bodkin of gold. He was girdled gorgeously and sandalled with splendor.

Manco stole away in the degrading consciousness of defeat. Out from the dusty plain with its dazzling dais. Through the gardens pertaining to the Temple of the Sun, whose fruits glowed everlastingly, and whose flowers were unfading. Where priceless diamond dew glowed in the hearts of ruby-studded eardrops, and golden kernels of corn gleamed through emerald husks, over which waved the tasseling of silver spray.

He walked through the gem-paved paths unheeding, until he reached the sunset portal of the temple. Among a throng of vestals knelt Oello, offering her homage to the setting sun.

"The day dies, Oello, and my hopes. I am defeated, cursed. The Coya's son will be the Inca. You will go to his palace and share his throne."

The maiden raised her eyes, all fire and radiance. She spoke like a true daughter of the Sun.

"Never, Manco," she said, "I will never share his throne. You will not dare say 'never' when he asks. An Inca takes no refusal."

"Trust me."

A new manliness strengthened Manco's limbs. A light beamed the rocks of the dreary future. "I am banished," he said, "from my kindred and my home, but they cannot drive me from the temple. I will serve in its sacred mysteries. I will propitiate the day god, who denied me strength. He alone shall be my parent. I will offer him libations, and supplicate of him success."

It came to be the feast of Raymi, at the summer solstice. In the spring the old Inca had gone to his birth-realm in the sunrise; and now amid the pomp of the year's crowning festival, the Coya's son would be crowned, and go to possess his father's palace.

Peru gave up her riches to celebrate the ceremony. They brought from the mountains gold and gems. They paved the palace halls with jewel-studded ingots. They draped the walls with fine-spun tapestries of viennese hair. They centered rare aromas in fruits and flowers wrought of precious metal, and hollowed drinking cups from quarried emeralds. They massed sweet-scented gums, and grain, and flowers, and paused to find a maiden fair enough to crown the sacrifice. Who was fair in comparison with Oello? She who was destined for the Inca's bride, whose white embracing arms

awaited his coronation night. The people clamored, "Let some other maid be mother of future Incas. We owe the fairest to our God, the Sun; next fairest be the Inca's bride."

For months the Coya's son had wooed Oello. Daily he laid at the vestal's feet the rarest offerings. But without avail. She dare say "never," even though an Inca plead. It was rumored she had given her heart to a priest who served with her at the Sun's high altar, so he tore her rudely from the temple service, and imprisoned her splendidly in the palace. Who but himself could claim this fairest maiden of Peru? His passion grew with each refusal. His pride inflamed with denial. The highest honor of the land spurned by a maiden priestess! Was he not Inca? Sprung from light and fire. Sired by the sun. Truly, he would force this maiden's will to meet his own.

It was agreed that the consummating solemnity of the Raymi festival should take place at mid-day. First the coronation in the palace. Afterward, the sacrifice in the temple; previous to which at the altar, the Inca would offer the annual libation from a vessel of wonderful workmanship, filled with a vein-thrilling elixir, expressed from purest grapes and most luscious fruits, pungent with spices, warmed by fermenting sun-fire, amber-lued, aroma-effulgent. Of this, according to the custom, the Inca would drink, having made the libation, and then offer to his favorite nobles.

At the eastern portal of the temple, Manco was filling the golden vessel with the liquor for the libation. For weary days he had not seen Oello; had missed her in her ministries, not knowing whether force or will had kept her from the temple.

There came in the sunrise a veiled form stealing and waiting at the orient gate. A trembling seized Manco's limbs. The memory of a curse stung him serpent-wise. The misery of defeat oppressed him freshly. He knew his mother's love.

Yet, was it surely her? The brow unbent, the arms outstretched, the hell-fire of woman's pride gone out in the baptismal waters of woman's love.

"Manco—my child!"

"Mother? The palace—"

"Yes, Manco, she is there. Now, now—this hour he tempts her. An Inca's throne, an Inca's love, or a sacrificial consummation, at noon in the temple. Her fair locks crisped with the burning gums. Her round limbs blackened by the insatiate flames!"

"But she will not yield."

"O, Manco! Would you not sooner yield her to him than to such a death?"

"She is destined for neither. By the light we worship, I will save her yet."

"Never. Your rashness cannot save her—stay!"

"I will save her yet. Remember this at mid-day!"

On columns of solid silver the temple rose. From around, on the walls the meridian sun flashed back his rays from a million mockeries of golden forms. Gigantic, gold-wrought figures of the children of the Sun, first sent as Incas, guarded the door, which swung to the south on its precious hinges, and from toward the palace poured the coronation throng.

On the slow-moving, sacrificial car, heaped with grain, and gums, and sandal woods, and garlanded with flowers, stood Oello.

She had made her choice.

Her fair arms crossed her breast. Her undazed eyes looked upward to the source of light and strength. Her bosom heaved not. In the motionless mid-day there was no air to stir her plume-wrought robe, the vocal tumult, the clash of silver cymbals, and clanking of heavy ornaments, made noise below her life abstracted sphere. She had not seen Manco. But he would know what "Trust me" meant from Oello's lips.

The Inca followed her, enraged, enamored, self-detesting at his coronation festival. They piled the pyre and laid the unresisting maiden among the flowers and spices. The torch for ignition lay ready for the Inca's hand upon the altar. To this they thronged—the monarch and his nobles—for the great libation.

Pale Manco, undiscovered in priestly robes, lifted the sacred vessel and saw the amber liquor stream in the golden trenches.

The Inca raised the vase to his lips and drank a goodly draught, while the honored nobles waited the emulated turn.

"Past mid-day," shouted the people; "let us smell the smoke of the sacrifice."

The Inca stretched his hand for the torch, but groped blindly.

"Is our God angered," he gasped, "that I cannot see?"

He recoiled toward the railing of the altar, staggering and stifled; he lay in impotent convulsion.

The people clamored: "It is past noon," while the nobles pressed to the Inca's aid, each in turn blinded, staggering and convulsed. But the last, pausing, with his lips on the rim of the libation vase, grew faint, with even the steaming fumes of the poisoned draught.

No time to be lost. The priest had kept his word.

He lifted the swooning vestal from her odorous death-couch, and bore her through the orient door—through the surging crowd—through the wonderful garden of golden fruits—through the palace hall, stopping not—staying not—looking not back, till after the sun set. Then following Chasca, the evening star, far up the side of the wooded mountain, under the shelter of fruit-bearing vines, near the gush of ice-cold waters, beneath the sway of balsamic branches. And there they rested at last.

QUICK WORK.—An ordinance passed by City Councils of Philadelphia, appropriating \$1,000,000 for Centennial celebration purposes, was introduced in both branches, passed in both by acclamation, entered upon the minutes, engrossed, signed by the Presidents and Clerks of the two chambers, and approved by the Mayor the same evening.

The title of a religious article on "Mirth as a Means of Grace," is perverted by a rural compositor into "Mirth as a Means of Grease." He was doubtless thinking of the proverb: "Laugh and grow fat."

The Czar at Woolwich.

The Czar of Russia, before leaving England, was treated to a review at Aldershot, but clouds of dust obscured everything, and the military display was almost a failure. The next day he attended a review at Woolwich, which was far more successful. The grounds had been copiously watered so that the dust gave no trouble.

The Czar and his suite seemed to be much interested in their visit to the Woolwich arsenal. The London Telegraph says:

"The party made their longest halt in the factory where the Nasmyth hammer, the largest in the world—fitted with top steam—is worked. Adding to the forty tons dead falling weight of the hammer the fifty-one tons added by a full pressure of steam above, a blow equivalent to a weight of ninety tons can be given by it with as much control as a child may exercise over a toy mallet. The Imperial party occupied a specially-erected platform to witness the welding of the trunnion coil of a thirty-eight ton gun. The Caserevitch last year witnessed a similar process with the trunnion coil of a thirty-five ton gun. The massive door of the furnace was raised, and in a fire terrible from the fierceness of its golden glow stood the white-hot coil—a cylinder weighing twenty-three tons and a half. This trunnion coil consists of two thicknesses of bar iron, coiled one upon the other and the work of the steam hammer was to weld them into a homogeneous cylindrical mass. The powerful crane was set in motion, and the swarthy smiths sprung to the beautiful adjusted machinery by which the fiery mass was seized by giant tongs, swung glowing and hissing out of the fire, and placed under the hammer. Blasts of hot air rushed across towards the spectators, but the vast size of the building rendered eye protectors unnecessary. The coil, it is needless to say, was welded effectually—the very floor, although its foundations are on a rock, vibrating with the tremendous blows. The force wielded by a dozen men at the lever of the crane was astounding; yet the hammer was subject to a steam power more formidable than itself. In their anxiety to see the next process the visitors passed hurriedly through the heavy tannery and sighting room, where they might have seen thick slabs of metal peeled off the partly built guns, as apples are peeled by a desert knife. The party, without bestowing more than a passing glance at the great guns on the lathes, went into the open air to witness the shrinking on of the breech coil of a thirty-five ton gun. Lying side by side, smiling in their new polish, lay a remarkable collection of guns ready for use. The largest cannon was the famous thirty-eight ton gun, the largest yet completed. The Woolwich Infants (thirty-five tons) were an interesting family of four; of twenty-five ton guns there were twenty-five; and twenty of eighteen tons. After these frightful engines of destruction were seen, no one troubled himself much with the smaller cannon, whose name was legion."

A fine distinction was that which the preacher of the Richmond First Baptist Church made: "My brudders," said he, "when you was all slaves dar might ha' been sense for entin' a slice off de mar's bacon, or hookin' a hankful o' corn meal, or robbin' de hen roost; for you all work hard den, my brudders, an you earn it, my brudders, an' asiders. But now you is all free men, an' dar ain't no 'sense whatever; you's all on yer own 'sponsibility.'"

New Currency Bill.

AS PASSED BY CONGRESS AND SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT.

The following is the text of the bill: The act entitled "an act to provide a national currency secured by a pledge of United States bonds, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof," approved June 3, 1864, shall be hereafter known as "the national bank act."

Section 2. That section 31 of the national bank act be amended, that the several associations therein provided for shall not hereafter be required to keep on hand any amount of money whatever by reason of the amount of their respective circulations; but the moneys required by said section to be kept at all times on hand shall be determined by the amount of deposits in all respects, as provided for in the said section.

Sec. 3. That every association organized, or to be organized, under the provisions of the said act, and of the several acts amendatory thereof, shall at all times keep and have on deposit in the treasury of the United States, in lawful money of the United States, a sum equal to five per centum of its circulation, to be held and used for the redemption of such circulation, which sum shall be counted as a part of its lawful reserve, as provided in section two of this act, and when the circulating notes of any such associations, assorted or unassorted, shall be presented for redemption in sums of \$1,000, or any multiple thereof, to the treasurer of the United States, the same shall be redeemed in United States notes. All notes so redeemed shall be charged by the treasurer of the United States to the respective associations issuing the same, and he shall notify them severally, on the first day of each month, or oftener, at his discretion, of the amount of such redemptions; and whenever such redemptions for any association shall amount to the sum of \$500, such association so notified shall forthwith deposit with the Treasurer of the United States notes equal to the amount of its circulating notes so redeemed. And all notes of national banks worn, defaced, mutilated, or otherwise unfit for circulation, shall, when received by any assistant treasurer, or at any designated depository of the United States, be forwarded to the treasury of the United States for redemption, as provided herein. And when such redemptions have been so reimbursed, the circulating notes so redeemed shall be forwarded to the respective associations by which they were issued; but if any of such notes are worn, mutilated, defaced, or rendered otherwise unfit for use, they shall be forwarded to the comptroller of the currency and destroyed and replaced by new provided

by law. Provided, that each of said associations shall reimburse to the treasury the charges for their transportation and the costs for assorting such notes; and the associations heretofore organized shall also severally reimburse to the treasury the cost of engraving such plates as shall be ordered by each association respectively; and the amount assessed upon each association shall be in proportion to the circulation redeemed, and be charged to the fund on deposit with the treasurer. And provided further, that so much of section 32 of said national bank act requiring or permitting the redemption of its circulating notes elsewhere than at its own counter, except as provided for in this section, is hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. That any association organized under this act, or any of the acts of which this is an amendment, desiring to withdraw its circulating notes, in whole or in part, may, upon the deposit of lawful money with the Treasurer of the United States in sums of not less than \$1,000, take up the bonds which said association has on deposit with the treasurer for the security of such circulating notes; which bonds shall be assigned to the bank in the manner specified in the nineteenth section of the national bank act; and the outstanding notes of said association, to an amount equal to the legal tender notes deposited, shall be redeemed at the treasury of the United States, and destroyed as now provided by law; Provided, that the amount of the bonds on deposit for circulation shall be reduced below \$50,000;

Sec. 5. That the comptroller of the currency shall, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, cause the charter members of the association to be printed upon all national bank notes which may be hereafter issued by him.

Sec. 6. That the amount of United States notes outstanding and to be issued as a part of the circulating medium shall not exceed the sum of three hundred and eighty-two millions of dollars, which said sum shall appear in each monthly statement of the public debt, and no part thereof shall be held or used as a reserve.

Sec. 7. That so much of act entitled "An act to provide for the redemption of the 3 per centum temporary loan certificates and for an increase of national bank notes as provides that no circulation shall be withdrawn under the provisions of section 6 of said act until after the fifty-four millions granted in section one of said act shall have been taken up, is hereby repealed; and it shall be the duty of the comptroller of the currency, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, to proceed forthwith, and he is hereby authorized and required from time to time, as application shall be duly made therefor, and until the full amount of fifty-four millions of dollars shall be withdrawn, to make requisition on each of the national banks described in said section, and in manner therein provided, organized in States having an excess of circulation, to withdraw and redeem so much of its circulation as by said act may be apportioned to be withdrawn from them, or in lieu thereof to deposit in the treasury of the United States lawful money sufficient to redeem such circulation, and upon the return of the circulation required or the deposit of lawful money as herein provided, a proportionate amount of the bonds held to secure the circulation of such association as shall make such return or deposit shall be surrendered to it.

Sec. 8. That upon the failure of the national banks upon which requisitions for circulation shall be made, or any of them, to return the amount required, or to deposit in the treasury lawful money, to redeem the circulation required within thirty days, the comptroller of the currency shall at once sell as provided in section 10 of the national currency act, approved June 4, 1864, bonds held to secure the redemption of the circulation of the association or associations which shall so fail to an amount sufficient to redeem the circulation required of such association or associations, and with the proceeds which shall be deposited in the treasury of the United States so much of the circulation of said association or associations as shall be redeemed as will equal the amount required and not returned; and if there be any excess of proceeds over the amount required for such redemption, it shall be returned to the association or associations whose bonds shall have been sold. And it shall be the duty of the treasurer, assistant treasurers, designated depositories and national bank depositories of the United States, who shall be kept informed by the comptroller of the currency of such association as shall fail to return circulation as required, to assort and return to the treasurer for redemption the notes of such association as shall come into their hands until the amount required shall be redeemed, and in like manner to assort and return to the treasury for redemption the notes of such national banks as shall have failed or gone into voluntary liquidation for the purpose of winding up their affairs, and of such as shall hereafter so fail or go into liquidation.

Sec. 9. That from and after the passage of this act it shall be lawful for the comptroller of the currency, and he is hereby ordered to issue circulating notes without delay, as applications therefor are made, not to exceed the sum of fifty-five millions of dollars, to associations organized or to be organized in those States and Territories having less than their proportion of circulation under an appointment made on the basis of population and of wealth as shown by the returns of the census of 1870, and every association hereafter organized shall be subject to an be governed by the rules, restrictions and limitations, and possess the rights, privileges and franchises now or hereafter to be prescribed by law as to national banking associations, with the same power to amend, alter and repeal provided by the national bank act: Provided that the whole amount of circulation withdrawn and removed from banks transacting business shall not exceed fifty-five millions of dollars; and that such circulation shall be withdrawn and redeemed as shall be necessary to supply the circulation previously issued to the banks in those States having less than their proportion; and provided further that not more than thirty millions dollars shall be withdrawn and redeemed as herein contemplated during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875.

The report is signed by all the members of the committee.

Mermaids.

Sailors and sea-side folk have always had a tendency to believe in mermaids. They see more varieties of fish and stranger forms of amphibian than landmen, and, moreover, they enjoy marvelous stories about wonderful things. Classical writers tell us that the sirens were two maidens who sat by the sea, and so charmed with their music all who sailed by, that the fascinated wayfarers remained on the spot till they died. The sirens (afterwards increased to three in number, and called by various names) are supposed to have had much to do with mermaids—that is, people who believed in one had no difficulty in believing in another.

Tracing down, century after century, we find an abundance of mermaid stories, vouched for with all the gravity of genuine belief. In an old book descriptive of Holland, the reader is told that in 1740 a tempest broke through the embankments of the low-lying districts, and covered much meadow and pasture land with water. Some maidens of the town of Edam, in West Friesland, going in a boat over the flooded land to milk their cows, perceived a mermaid entangled in the mud and shallow water. They took her into the boat, and brought her with them to Edam, dressed her in woman's apparel, and taught her to spin. She fed like one of them, but could not be brought to speak. Some time afterwards she was brought to Haarlem, where she lived for several years, though still showing an inclination for the water—"They had given it," we are informed, "some notion of a deity; and it made its reverences very devoutly when it passed a crucifix."

In 1560, on the west coast of Ceylon, some fishermen brought up at one draught of a net "mermen and mermaids," which a Jesuit missionary certified to be veritable types of human beings—excepting we suppose in regard to the fish shaped tails. This tall question was, in the same century, settled in a peculiar manner by engravers and herald painters. Mermaids with two tails were often engraved in French and German books on heraldry; a double-tailed mermaid was engraved in a Swiss edition of Ptolemy's geography, published in 1540; and the Venetian printers had a liking for the same kind of symbol on their title pages.

In 1701, according to Brand's description of the Orkney and Shetland islands, "a boat at the fishing drew her lines; and one of them, as the fishers thought, having some great fish upon it, was with greater difficulty than the rest raised from the ground. But, when raised, it came more easily to the surface of the water; upon which a creature like a mermaid presented itself at the side of the boat. It had the face, arms, breast and shoulders of a woman, and the long hair hanging down the back; but the nether part was beneath the water, so that they could not understand the shape thereof. The two fishers who were in the boat being surprised at this strange sight, one of them unadvisedly drew a knife and thrust it in her bosom, whereupon she cried as they judged, 'Alas!' The hook giving away, she fell backward, and was no more seen; the hook being big went in at her chin and out at her upper lip." Brand did not see all this (indeed, most of the mermaid stories came second or third hand); the fishers told a baillie, to whom the boat belonged, the baillie told a lady, and the lady told Mr. Brand. The men who cruelly stabbed the poor mermaid was much troubled afterward. "He is now dead, and as was observed never prospered after this, but was haunted by an evil spirit in the appearance of an old man, who, as he thought, used to say unto him, 'Will ye do such a thing? Who killed the woman?' The other man, then in the boat is yet alive in the isle of Barra." The man was certainly more like a brute than a fisherman, or he would not have drawn his knife for such a purpose; whether human or non-human, she would have been worth more to him alive than dead, even as an exhibition to villagers at a baillie's head.

In 1737, according to a Scottish magazine, the crew of a ship newly arrived in the Thames from the East Indies reported that in the island of Mauritius they had partaken of a mermaid, the flesh of which is a good deal like veal. The mermaid weighed three or four hundred weight—rather a buxom specimen! The head was particularly large, and so were the features which differed but little from those of a man or woman. The story tells of two of them, one with a beard four or five inches long, the other much more feminine. "When they are first taken," the narrator proceeds to say, "which is often on the ground, they cry and grieve with great sensibility." About the same time a story came from Vigo, in Spain, to the effect that some fishermen on that coast had caught a sort of merman, five feet and a half from head to foot. The head was like that of a goat, with a long beard and mustache, a blue skin, somewhat hairy, a very long neck, short arms, hands longer and larger in proportion, and long fingers, with nails like claws, webbed toes, and a fin at the lower part of the back.

The magazines of 1775, gave an account of a mermaid which was captured in the Levant and brought to London. One of the learned periodicals gravely told its readers that the mermaid had the complexion and features of a European, like those of a young woman; that the eyes were light blue, the nose small and elegantly formed, the mouth small, the lips thin, "but the edges of them round like those of a cod-fish;" that the teeth were small, regular, and white; that the neck was well rounded, and that the ears were like those of an eel, "but placed like those of the human species, with gills for respiration, which appear like curls." There was no hair on the head, but "rolls which at a distance would be mistaken for curls." There was a fin rising pyramidally from the temples, "forming a foretop like that of a lady's head-dress." The bust was nearly like that of a young damsel, a proper orthodox mermaid, but alas! all below the waist was exactly like a fish. Three sets of fins below the waist, one above the other, enabled her to swim. Finally "it is said to have an enchanting voice, which it never exerts except before a storm." The writer in the *Annual Register* probably did not see this mermaid, which the *Gentleman's Magazine* described as being only three feet high. It was afterward proved to be a cheat made from the skin of the angel-shark.

A man in town complains that his wife is an indolent. She blows him up every day, and makes him circulate beyond redemption.

From the Salisbury Intelligencer, June 30. THE EXECUTION OF THE NOTORIOUS JOHN ALLEN KETCHY.

HIS CONFESSION WHILE ON THE GALLOW.

John Allen Ketchy, who was charged of committing rape on the person of Milley E. Besh-er, in this county two years ago and who was convicted at a special term of the Superior Court held here in August 1873, was executed in an inclosure at the east end of the jail, in this place, built for the occasion.

At an early hour this morning, the people commenced gathering in the city and flocking around the jail, to see what they could see and hear from the prisoner before his execution.

His spiritual advisers were with him up to the hour of his execution and did all they could to comfort him in his last moments.

At eleven o'clock A. M. he was led to the gallows by Sheriff Waggoner, where he made his confession. His last words, were that he was innocent of the charge preferred against him. At 1 o'clock P. M. the rope was cut and the body of the unfortunate John Allen Ketchy was suspended between heaven and earth.

The fall was about four feet and he died without a struggle.

HIS CONFESSION.

In regard to the charge that is brought against me, all that I have to say is, what I always said, I am not guilty of violating the person of the woman, for which I to-day forfeit my life; more than that there is not a woman in the world that can say that I ever insulted her, much less outraged her person, and tell the truth.

Inside of the corporation of this place I never injured a man in all my life. I have done injury to David Boger, Henry Hudson, Paul Peeler and Adam Trexler, and with this exception I am innocent of the many charges brought against me. And with the exception of the four men I have named there is not a man in the country that can say I have ever injured him. There is not a woman that can say I have ever insulted her.

But I am to forfeit my life to-day for a crime I never committed.

This girl tried to prove a good character in the court; but if I know what a good character is, her's is very bad; I tell you if she gets a chance she will fool a man.

Some day when the fatal cover is removed, you will see why she has brought me here. I feel satisfied that I was not convicted by the evidence of this girl.

When I was first imprisoned here, Sheriff Waggoner said I could write to my counsel—I wrote a letter to my lawyer, and gave it to the guard and told him to give it to the Sheriff—he did not do this; he gave it to the lady that lived in the jail, she gave it to the Sheriff, and handed it back to him; he read it himself but never gave it to the Sheriff, thus my mail was intercepted. If you want to know who the guard was, I will tell you—his name is Jao. F. Agner.

It has been reported about town that I had said yesterday that I was the one that burnt John J. Shaver's barn some years ago—this I deny—I did not burn his barn and did not say so.

The ministers have been kind to me and have given me good advice. I feel a change and I think for the better. I have been punished unmercifully and suffered beyond expression.

It is suggested by one of the officers that I tell you how I made my escape from this jail something more than a year ago. It was done with a piece of iron, made for the purpose, but how I got it I will not tell. It was made long enough to reach the lock, with which I managed to break the spring of the lock. I was chained to the floor; after breaking my chains I wrapped my blanket up like a man, and fastened my chains to it, then went to the window and called to the Sheriff to come and let down the window as it was getting cold. The Sheriff came up but did not do as I expected him to do; he stopped at my cell and commenced pulling at my chains and calling me, while he was at that I slipped out of the passage and down the steps, out into the yard, and that is the way I made my escape.

In conclusion, I would say, that my sisters and brothers have always given me good advice. I have told you of all my crimes, and they are what brought me here. As I said before, I am innocent of the crime for which I am to be executed.—Good bye.

A BRIEF SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

John Allen Ketchy was born in Rowan county, three and a half miles east of Salisbury, on the Bringle Ferry road; his parents, who are both dead, were very respectable and honorable people, and his father was one of the best farmers in the county, and within a few years previous to the late war kept John Allen at work on the farm, and while with his father he bore a good name in the neighborhood, and if he had stayed there he might have made a good and useful citizen. But like a good many young men he came to the conclusion that the country was no place for him, and about the year 1857 or '58, he left his father's farm, and came to Salisbury and succeeded in procuring a situation in a ready-made clothing establishment with a Jew by the name of Weil who was doing business here at that time.

Being no longer under the control and protection of his father he soon became wild and reckless, (but strange to say never indulged in strong and intoxicating drink) and in this way lived a free and easy life until the beginning of the late war; when he volunteered and enlisted in the Confederate army, and there sowed the "wild oats" that ripened to his eternal ruin.

DESERTION.

was his first offence, while a soldier, which occurred sometime in 1862. Being by nature very shrewd and sharp he managed to evade every attempt at his arrest, and when arrested and carried back to the army, it was only to desert again.

Finding it hard to furnish himself with funds while a deserter, he conceived the idea that forging furloughs and details to the soldiers would be a paying business, in which he succeeded remarkably well, at times having numbers of men out of the ranks, with furloughs and details, bearing all the necessary signatures, of his own manufacture. On two or

LOCAL ITEMS.

Post Office Directory.

Salem, N. C. Post Office Arrangement.—Office hours from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m. during the week, and on Sunday from 7 a. m. to 12 m. **TIME OF ARRIVAL AND CLOSING THE MAILS.** Railroad, from Greensboro to Salem, closes every day, except Sundays, at 9 p. m.; due every day, except Monday, by 3 a. m. Mount Airy mail, via Old Town, Bethania, Little Yadkin, Tom's Creek and Flat Shoals: closes Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 8 a. m.; due, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, by 1230 p. m. Madison mail, via Sedge Garden, Germantown and Walnut Cove, due, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, by 3 p. m.; closes, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 8 a. m. Jerusalem mail, via Friedberg, Miller's Mill, Elba village and Fulton: closes every Friday at 7 a. m. due, every Saturday, by 7 p. m. Jonesville mail, via Mt. Tabor, Vienna, Red Plains and East Bend: due every Friday, by 7 p. m.; closes every Saturday, at 6 a. m. Walkertown mail, via Salem Chapel, White Road, Reels' Creek Mills and Blakely: closes every Friday, at 4 p. m.; due, every Saturday, by 7 p. m. Faulter Creek mail, via Lewisville: closes every Saturday, at 7 a. m.; due, by 8 p. m. H. W. SHORE, P. M.

STOLEN HORSES.—We learn E. A. Conrad, Esq., is on the track of his stolen horse. The pursuers of the thief who stole Mr. L. P. Mathew's horses have returned without the horses. They traced the rogue as far as the neighborhood of Taylorsville, in Tennessee, and gave up the chase, after having thoroughly posted and enlisted that neighborhood against the thieving rascal.

The horses are valuable, as Mr. Mathews was offered two hundred dollars for one of them, only a few days before they were appropriated by the unscrupulous dealer in horse flesh, who is spotted.

Since the above we learn the pursuit has been renewed.

Fine rains this week, which were very much needed.

Pic Nic!—The young people in the vicinity of East Bend and Red Plains will have a Grand Pic-Nic at Mr. F. W. Hall's Mill, on the 11th of July, 1874. It is a very suitable place for such an occasion there being a nice shady grove near the mill. Mr. C. A. Winkler is expected to be there with Candies, Ice-cream, Lemonade, &c.

A SMART DOG.—A large cur dog, belonging to Rev. P. A. Lineback, which accompanied the Salem Excursionists to the Mountains, was lost sight of on the top of Black Mountain, at the grave of the lamented Prof. Mitchell, and was not seen for one week and one day, when he again made his appearance at home in this place.

The dog evidently got lost on the mountain, and travelled the long distance home, guided by the instinct peculiar to the animal.

HOME AGAIN.—All of the Mountain Excursionists have returned home, delighted with their trip of some three weeks, roughing it among hills and dales of Western North Carolina. Mount Mitchell seems to have been one of the principal attractions of the company. A fine specimen of the rattlesnake was brought home by the party.

ROBBERY.—We learn that the house of Mr. Jonas Knaus, of Davidson County, was entered recently, in the day time in the absence of the family, and some tow and cotton cloth, and lard stolen therefrom. The thief ransacked all the drawers in the bureau, but found nothing there to suit his fancy. He was evidently after Mr. Knaus's money, which, fortunately, he had disposed of a short time previous.

REPEALED.—The Winston Hog Law.

RUNAWAYS.—The horse which Mr. Crews, in the employment of Mr. A. B. Mack, was driving, became frightened in our streets on Wednesday of last week, and ran away throwing Mr. Crews out of the wagon and badly bruising him, with severe cuts on the head.

We learn that Mr. C. Peeler's horses, of Davidson County, ran away a few days since and threw the driver off the wagon bruising him, but not seriously.

UNCOUPLED.—One of the cars on the train between this place and Kernersville became uncoupled a few days since, which was not immediately discovered, throwing the train 35 minutes behind time.

WARMEST DAY.—Last Sunday was the warmest day of the season.

THE RAIL ROAD EXCURSIONS on Friday and Saturday, were a success, and much credit is due to Mr. Jacob Hicks for the admirable manner with which he conducted affairs.

SURRY COUNTY.—A Convention of the Conservatives of Surry county will be held at Dobson on

Monday, July 6th, for the purpose of nominating candidates for county officers.

EPISCOPAL.—Under direction of the Bishop, Rev. Mr. Murdock will in future hold regular monthly services in the court-house. His next appointment is Thursday evening, July 16th.

NEW SHOE STORE.—We would direct special attention to the advertisement of the new Shoe Store just opened in this place at the well known stand, corner Main and New Shallowford streets, formerly occupied as a tin shop, and latterly by C. W. Vogler's Grocery. The gentlemanly proprietors' object is business, and they have a full assortment of goods in their line.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.—Legal advertisement from Davidson.—Foster's Prize Concert, Houston, Texas.—New Shoe Store, by the Messrs. Everett.

At a called meeting of Salem Lodge "Under Dispensation," No. 18 Knights of Pythias.—The following officers were duly elected for the present term:

A. L. Orrel, C. C. E. A. Ebert, V. C. C. E. Crist, Fredrick, J. H. Shultz, R. H. S. C. W. Null, M. of F. E. S. Ackerman, M. of F. C. W. Vogler, M. at. A. H. N. Ackerman, J. G. J. H. Brown, O. G.

To the People of the Eighth Judicial District.

I am a candidate for the office of Judge of the Superior Court of this Judicial District. As the office is one that should be kept entirely above the baneful influence of party politics, I am not the candidate of any party, and have no political opinions to promulgate. I shall make no canvass of the District, believing it unbecoming in a candidate for a high judicial position to do so. If elected, I desire to assume the office free from all obligations to party or sect, that I may be able the more easily to hold the scales of justice evenly balanced.

WILLIAM H. BAILY, Salisbury, N. C., June 18th, 1874.

Thistle Edition Waverly Novels. Sold only by subscription. Two Volumes per month. Apply to L. V. & E. T. Blum Agents, Salem, N. C.

Hon. W. A. Graham of Wake, left for Washington last week in connection with his duties as arbitrator in the Virginia and Maryland Boundary case.

The picnic at the Raleigh Fair Grounds last Tuesday week realized for the Orphan Asylum about \$500. Rev. Mr. Morgan delivered an admirable address before some 1,500.

The Shelby Banner thinks the Carolina Central road has forfeited its charter, because the road has not been completed to that town within the time stated.

Blanks!

Deeds of Conveyance or Land Deeds, Mortgage Deeds, Summons, Judgments and Executions, and Chattel Mortgages, neatly printed, and for sale at the Press office.

WANTED!

400 CORDS OF TAN BARK. Salem, N. C., Mar. 23. J. W. FRIES.

SAFE, SPEEDY AND SURE.—Dr. Morris' Syru of Tar, Wild Cherry and Horehound, a remedy for all diseases of the Chest and Air Passages, at ZEVELY'S Drug Store.

TO PRINTERS.

ABOUT 200 pounds Long Primer like the following line, at 30 cents per pound. Books and Stationery at the Bookstore. Enquire at this office.

WRAPPING PAPER for sale at the Book Store.

The American Sardine Co's Boneless Sardines, are much better, and less than half the cost of imported Sardines. 10-ly.

LIVER CURE.—"Simmons' Hepatic Compound or Liver Cure," to be had at ZEVELY'S DRUG STORE, wholesale and retail.

ONLY 50 CENTS.—The Press for three months.

MARRIED.

In Surry county, on the 18th ult., near Mt. Airy, by J. W. Jackson, Esq., Mr. Wm. E. Crawford, of Patrick county, Va., and Mrs. Mary J. Davis, of Surry county.

At the residence of the bride's father in Mt. Airy, on the 24th ult., by Rev. S. M. Davis, Dr. William S. Taylor and Miss Mary Virginia Barker, all of Surry county.

At the residence of the bride's father, near Mt. Airy, on the 24th ult., by Rev. J. H. Lowdin, Mr. Caleb J. Jackson and Miss Florence Bolt, all of Surry county.

In Madison, Rockingham county, by Rev. N. C. Norman, Mr. H. W. Barrow and Mrs. Nannie A. Caldwell.

DIED.

At the residence of M. T. Smith, Esq., in Stokes Co., Richard Cox, in his 66th year. He leaves no family.

CARD.

Texas Grand Prize Concert. The Hon. Jas. T. D. Wilson, Mayor of Houston, and the City Council, endorse the enterprise as follows:

Houston, Texas, April 29, 1874. We the undersigned, regard the Real Estate Distribution, which J. E. Foster proposes to make on the 26th of July next, in this city, as calculated to promote improvements, and placing within the reach of many, who otherwise would be unable, a chance to secure a home for themselves, and having from our long acquaintance with him, every confidence in his integrity, we feel justified in saying, that we believe he will carry out his Distribution honestly and fairly, according to his advertised plan.

James T. D. Wilson, B. F. McDonough, Robert Burns, Fred. Stanley, R. B. Baer, N. P. Turner, F. W. Heilmann, John D. Usener, M. Harrington, John Halber, Capital Price, \$5,000 Gold. Ten residences in Houston; Population \$20,000, and the railroad centre of the State, and nearly 150 tracts of land in different portions of the State. Value of prizes \$140,000, 75,000 tickets, at \$2 each. Address J. E. FOSTER, Manager, T. W. HOUSE, Treasurer, Houston, Texas.

DAVIDSON COUNTY, IN THE SUPERIOR COURT,

Jesse Hill, John Hill, Valentine Hill, F. A. Pickle and wife Elizabeth, Jackson Hill, T. S. Spangh and wife Sarah, Frank House and wife Catharine, Martin Hill and Keeler Hill by their Guardian William Everhart, Plaintiffs, against William Hill, Jr., and Eli Hill, Defendants.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. TO THE SHERIFF OF DAVIDSON COUNTY.—GREETING: You are hereby commanded to summon William Hill, Jr., and Eli Hill, the defendants above named, if to be found in your county, to be and appear before the Clerk of our Superior Court for Davidson County, at the Court House in Lexington within twenty days from the service of the summons, exclusive of the day of service, and answer the complaint which will be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said county, within ten days, and let the said defendants take notice that if they fail to answer the said complaint within the time prescribed by law, the plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint. Hereof fail not and of this summons make due return. Given under my hand and seal of said Court this 27th day of June, 1874. L. E. JOHNSON, C. S. C. and Judge of Probate.

In the above case it appearing by affidavit to the satisfaction of the Court that William Hill, Jr., and Eli Hill, the defendants above named, are non-residents of this State and are proper parties in the above entitled action. It is ordered that the Summons in this case be published once a week for six successive weeks in the People's Press, a newspaper published in Salem, in the 8th Judicial District, in lieu of personal service of said summons. Done at office in Lexington, this 27th day of June, 1874. L. E. JOHNSON, C. S. C.

LIST OF LETTERS, REMAINING IN THE POST OFFICE AT SALEM, N. C., July 1st, 1874.

LADIES' LIST. Mrs. Mary C. Blum, Mrs. Mary J. Crews, Miss Julia E. Couch, care of John Nicholson, Miss Clarissa Dedmon, Mrs. Ruth Fox, Mrs. Mary N. Hunt, Mrs. Nannie Lewis, Mrs. Eliza Marshall, Mrs. S. H. Phillips, Miss Cate Smith, Mrs. Phoebe A. Spauld, Miss Mollie A. Wright.

GENTLEMEN'S LIST. Ed. Beard, Thomas M. Brown, Brown, (colored), care of Page Hamlin, Jno M. Bralson, Charles Clinard, Alexander Delap, W. G. Foy, Will Fidler, Page Hamlin (colored), John James, Isaac Lewis, Henry Mottisinger, F. N. Marion, Jerry Motley (colored), care of George Fries, Aystin McKaughan, James M. Neal, Isaac Prince, J. F. Stin Gall, J. S. Slaughter, William Swim, John W. Vaughn, A. G. Whicker, David White, E. L. Weir, J. L. Zigler.

H. W. SHORE, P. M.

NEW SHOE STORE.

S. H. & S. A. C. EVERETT.

Corner of Main and New Shallowford Street.

WE have just received a large and well selected stock of

BOOTS AND SHOES,

which we propose to sell very low for CASH. Our stock consists of a splendid assortment of

LADIES, MISSES, CHILDREN'S and INFANTS

GLOVE, FRENCH, CURACOA, KID and SERGE,

LACED, BUTTON and CONGRESS BOOTS of the latest styles and elaborate finish. These we have of every variety and quality to suit the fancy and purse of the customers.

We would especially invite the attention of the young gentlemen to our stock of handmade goods.—BOOTS, CONGRESS GAITERS, ALEXIS TIES, PRINCE ALBERTS, PRINCE ARTHURS, &c. These we have made to order and of different widths, so that no one need think that they cannot get a fit at the New Shoe Store. Our commoner grades of shoes are adapted to the wants of all classes of laboring men. Heavy Brogans, Double and Single Sole, Plough Shoes, Alabama Ties, &c., &c. We cannot enumerate all that we have, but beg that you will all come and examine our stock, whether with a view to purchasing or not.

ALL WORK WARRANTED.

SALE OF VALUABLE HOUSE AND LOT.

On Main Street, Salem, N. C.

ON THE 10th DAY OF JULY, 1874, under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to me by Christian Hege and his wife A. M. Hege, and Z. G. Hege and his wife S. A. Hege, on the 7th day of February, 1873, I will expose to public sale, to the highest bidder, on the premises, a certain valuable BRICK DWELLING HOUSE AND LOT, the late residence of Christian Hege, situated on Main Street, in the town of Salem, N. C., bounded by the lots in the occupancy of E. L. Hege and Catharine Welfare. Terms made known on day of sale. J. W. HUNTER, Mortgagee. June 1st, 1874-23. tds.

LUMBER, SHINGLES and BRICK.

WE have now, and expect to keep constantly on hand for sale at our MILL IN SALEM, a large lot of SAWED OAK AND PINE LUMBER of almost any size and quality, both green and dried. We have also on hand a large lot of SHINGLES and BRICK which we will sell at reasonable rates. We are prepared to furnish parties wishing to build, with any material they may desire, in quantities large or small, immediately or at short notice. PLANING, MATCHING, and all kinds of WOOD WORK done promptly, and at reasonable rates. OGLE BROS. Salem, N. C., May 28, 1874-23-ly.

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ORANGES, LEMONS, COCOA-NUTS, FIGS, RAISINS, FINE

FRENCH AND COMMON CANDY, FANCY CAKES,

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FINE CIGARS,

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BRIGGS & BRO'S

FRESH GARDEN SEEDS.

Flour-Pots, Pipes and Domestic Earth-

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COFFEE, SUGAR, MOLASSES, COAL OIL, SALT, SHOES,

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Feb. 5, 1874-6.

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2 Heavy Young DRAFT HORSES.

1 Fine Buggy Animal.

1 Rockaway.

1 Express Wagon.

1 2 Horse Wagon 1 one horse Wagon.

Will sell on reasonable terms.

Jan. 29, 1874-5.

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POND'S EXTRACT

CURES

Neuralgia, Piles, Headache,

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Lanciness, Burns, Sprains,

Toothache, Scalds, Wounds,

Sore Throat, Ulcers, Bruises,

Rheumatism, Hemorrhages,

&c., &c.

CURED BY

POND'S EXTRACT

Family Bibles, Fine and

Common.

at the BOOK STORE.

J. E. MICKEY has just returned from the

Northern cities, where he bought a large lot of

SHOES, HATS, CLOTHING, MATERIAL

for CARRIAGES and HARNESS, HARD-

WARE, STOVES and TIN-WARE. 16

Mrs. J. E. MICKEY has also, in person, selected

the largest lot of MILLINERY GOODS

and NOTIONS ever brought to this country. 16

Just received a fine lot of Preserved

Ginger, also a large lot of Lemons, at

June 11, 1874. C. W. VOGLER'S.

DRAWING PAPER.

CAP, DEMY and MEDIUM sizes Drawing

Paper just received at the

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Spring Greeting,

1874.

We call the attention of customers

and the public generally to our new

and very elegant

STOCK of GOODS

lately purchased in the Northern

Cities at greatly reduced

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Complete in Every Department.

Our stock embraces every kind of

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We call special attention to our

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Farmers and Mechanics, their wives

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every needful article, at lower prices

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Our Stock is very complete, embracing

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We shall continue our endeavors

to win custom, and we tender to all

our friends grateful thanks for numerous

favours.

PATTERSON & CO.

Salem, N. C., April 28, 1874.—18.

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One Kiss Before We Part.

One kiss before we part!
But one! for love's sweet sake!
To sweeten, for my heart,
The pain of this mistake.
Your hand is in my own,
But your head is turned away;
For the first time and the last,
One little kiss, I pray.

Nay, though you love me not,
And still you say, "Friend,"
Nay, though I be forgot
Before a fortnight's end—
Still let me kiss the lips
That traitors are to love—
What! nothing but a hand,
And that within its glove?

Because the past was sweet;
Because you are so dear!
Because no more we meet
In any future year—
Be kind and make me glad,
Just for a moment's space—
Think! I shall be so sad,
And never see your face!

One kiss before we part!
And so you're saying "Nay!"
Though I be gone, your heart
Will keep its old content,
Nay, not your cheek—your lips—
I claim them as my right—
Small meed for great love—
Before we say good night.

Al! shy, unloving eyes!
Not true—though blue and rare—
How dare you give surprise
To know I hold you dear?
What coyness will not yield,
Yet boldness, sure may take—
Well, then; if not for Love's,
One kiss for Friendship's sake!

One kiss before we part!
One little kiss, my dear!
One kiss—to help my heart
Its utter loss to bear,
One kiss—to check the tears
My manhood scarce can stay—
Or thus—I make it "you!"
While you are saying "Nay!"

Humorous.

A Boy's Composition on Girls.

Girls are the most unaccountable things in the world—except women. Like the wicked fleas, when you have them they ain't there. I can cipher clean over to improper fractions, and the teacher says I do it first-rate, but I can't cipher out a girl, proper or improper, and you can't either. The only rule in arithmetic that hits their case is the double rule of two. They are as full of Old Nick as their skins can hold, and they would die if they could not torment somebody. When they try to be mean they are as mean as parsley, though they ain't as mean as they let on to be, except sometimes, and then they are a great deal meaner. The only way to get along with a girl when she comes with her nonsense is to give her tit for tat, and that will flummox her; and when you get a girl flummoxed she is as nice as a new pie. A boy can sow more wild oats in a day than a girl can in a year, but girls get their wild oats sowed after awhile, which boys never do, and then they settle down as calm and placid as a mud-puddle. But I like girls first-rate, and guess all the boys do. I don't care how many tricks they play on me—and they don't care either. The hoity-toitist girl in the world can't always boil over like a glass of soda. By and by they will get into the traces with somebody they like and pull as steady as an old stage-horse. So let them wave, I say; they will pay for it some day, sewing on buttons, and trying to make a decent man of the fellow they have spliced on to; and ten chances to one if they don't get the worst of it.

It is said that the belle of society gets but three hours sleep during the fashionable season. An exchange thinks it is enough for her intellect.

Why is a pretty girl like a locomotive engine? Because she sends off the sparks, transports the mails, has a train following her, and passes over the plain.

An exchange says the best way for a lady to get the fashionable tangle on her hair is to fill it full of corn meal and set a lot of spring chickens to scratching the meal out.

A wag, with the word "whom," brought a horse driven by a young man to a dead stop. "That's a fine beast of yours," says the wag. "Yes, a pretty good sort of an animal, but he has one fault. It was once owned by a butcher, and is sure to stop when he hears a calf bleat." Wag don't say "whom" to that horse any more.

The Bishop of Wurzburg once asked a sprightly little shepherd boy: "What are you doing here, my lad?" "Tending swine,"—"How much do you get?" "One florin a week,"—"I also am a shepherd," continued the bishop, "but I get much more pay." "Then I suppose you have more swine under your care," innocently replied the boy.

Anna to her beau. Mr. F., what city is that you intend visiting next fall?

Mr. F.—If you have no objection I'm going to Haverham.

"Father," said a little Swedish girl one still, starry night, after a long silence, "father, I have been thinking if the wrong side of heaven is so beautiful, what must the right side be?"

There is something interesting in observing two women looking disdainfully at each other, but when two old ladies whose front teeth are gone curl the lip in scorn the effect is depressing.

There is said to be a woman in Derby, England, who knows what it is to be the mother of thirty-one children. Her husband must feel that there is such a thing as a woman knowing too much.

H. C. RICH & CO.,
MANUFACTURERS OF
Ladies' Misses' & Children's Shoes,
SALEM, N. C.
THE UNDERSIGNED, having entered into a co-partnership, under the title of H. C. Rich & Co., for the manufacture of Ladies' Misses' and Children's shoes, respectfully invite all their customers and the public generally, to give them a call. Our shoes can be found on sale at Mrs. DORRIS' MILLINERY STORE, on Main Street, next door to W. J. Vogler's Jewelry Store.
We use the best stock, and will try and do good, honest work.
H. C. RICH,
Feb. 1, 1874.

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The Advance is a new and improved machine, and one that is favorably known in almost every county in North Carolina and in all kinds of localities, from the swamps of Eastern North Carolina to the rugged mountains of the Blue Ridge. Send for circular to the Salem Agricultural Works, Salem, N. C.

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Is Your Life Insured?
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J. A. LINDBACK, Agent,
Salem, N. C. Mar. 15, 1874-10

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Before a fortnight's end—
Still let me kiss the lips
That traitors are to love—
What! nothing but a hand,
And that within its glove?

Because the past was sweet,
Because you are so dear;
Because no more we meet
In any future year—
Be kind and make me glad,
Just for a moment's space—
Think! I shall be so sad,
And never see your face!

One kiss before we part!
And so you nothing meet?
Though I be gone, your heart
Will keep its old content,
Nay, not your cheek—your lips—
I claim them as my right—
Small guerdon for great love—
Before we say good night!

Al! shy, up-looking eyes!
Not true—though blue and rare—
How dare you feign surprise
To know I hold you dear?
What coyness will not yield,
Yet boldness, sure may take—
Well, then; if not for Love's,
One kiss for Friendship's sake!

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My manhood scarce can stay;
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Girls are the most unaccountable things in the world—except women. Like the wicked fleas, when you have them they ain't there. I can cipher clean over to improper fractions, and the teacher says I do it first-rate, but I can't cipher out a girl, proper or improper, and you can't either. The only rule in arithmetic that hits their case is the double rule of two. They are as full of Old Nick as their skins can hold, and they would die if they could not torment somebody. When they try to be mean they are as mean as purely, though they ain't as mean as they let on to be, except sometimes, and then they are a great deal meaner. The only way to get along with a girl when she comes with her nose up is to give her tit for tat, and that will flummox her; and when you get a girl flummoxed she is as nice as a new pie. A boy can sow more wild oats in a day than a girl can in a year, but girls get their wild oats sowed after awhile, which boys never do and then they settle down as calm and placid as a mud-puddle. But I like girls first-rate, and guess all the boys do. I don't care how many tricks they play on me—and they don't care either. The hoity-toit girl in the world can't always boil over like a glass of soda. By and by they will get into the traces with somebody they like and pull as steady as an old stage-horse. So let them wave, I say; they will pay for it some day, sewing on buttons, and trying to make a decent man of the fellow they have spliced on to; and ten chances to one if they don't get the worst of it.

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